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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- This patent application was filed after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of U.S. patents and patent applications that are listed on the accompanying Form 1449 are not enclosed herewith (see Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003). Copies of other references identified on the accompanying Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.
- Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). An English-language equivalent/patent, or an English-language abstract, or an English-language version of the search report or action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted in lieu of a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).
- A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
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furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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	AB	4,239,567		Winings	December 16, 1980	
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	AD	5,182,307	A	Kumar	January 26, 1993	
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	AT	6,235,380	B1	Tupil et al.	May 22, 2001	
	AU	6,245,406	B1	Kuramochi et al.	June 12, 2001	
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B J	WO	00/59702		A1	Trexel, Inc.	Oct. 12, 2000		
B K	WO	01/15863		A1	LAM Research Corporation	Mar. 8, 2001		
B L	WO	01/15885		A1	Trexel, Inc.	Mar. 8, 2001		
B M	WO	01/36521		A2	Trexel, Inc.	May 25, 2001		
B N	WO	01/68322		A1	Rodel Holdings, Inc.	Sep. 20, 2001		
B O	WO	01/94074		A1	Speedfam-IPEC Corporation	Dec. 13, 2001		
B P	WO	02/02274		A2	Rodel Holdings, Inc.	Jan. 10, 2002		
B Q	WO	02/09907		A1	Silicon Valley Group, Inc.	Feb. 7, 2002		
B R	EP	0 239 040		A1	Rodel, Inc.	Sep. 20, 1987		
B S	WO	98/47662		A1	Cabot Corp.	Oct. 29, 1998		
B T	WO	02/30617		A1	Cabot Microelectronics Corp.	Apr. 18, 2002		

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